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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Two Officers Injured After Crash During Police Chase

(U) Encino – Two Los Angeles police officers and two other motorists were injured in a three-vehicle crash in the Encino area that occurred during a brief chase of a stolen-vehicle suspect who got away. The officers were taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries described as not life-threatening and the two other motorists were treated at the scene and released. The suspect vehicle was not involved in the crash and was not located.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [Los Angeles Daily](#)

(U) San Diego - SDSU Student Arrested After Threatening Remarks on Snapchat

(U) Martin Ruiz, 24, a San Diego State University student, was arrested Wednesday after an apparent threatening and racist video surfaced on social media. Ruiz is accused of making criminal threats on Snapchat toward a member of the university's African American community. The exact content of the video was not released but the school said the comments made in the video used "imagery historically used to threaten Black individuals and communities." Ruiz may face charges of hate crime and making a criminal threat that would result in death or great bodily injury.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [NBC](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Intercept Large Liquid Meth Load Worth Over \$2.7 Million

(U) Laredo – US Border Patrol officers seized a significant amount of methamphetamine this weekend at the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge. The narcotics have an estimated street value of more than \$2.7 million. The seizure occurred when a CBP officer referred a 2002 Chevy 2500 pickup truck driven by a 63-year-old Mexican citizen for secondary inspection. Following a canine and non-intrusive imaging system inspection, CBP officers discovered a total of 194 pounds of alleged liquid methamphetamine in seven containers.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Ex-CIA Officer Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Spy for China

(U) Washington DC – Jerry Chun Shing Lee, a former CIA officer, pleaded guilty to conspiring to pass US defense and intelligence secrets to China. In 2010, Lee was approached by two Chinese intelligence officers who offered to pay him \$100,000 and to take care of him "for life" for information he had acquired as a CIA officer, according to a Justice Department statement. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were subsequently paid into Lee's personal bank account between 2010 and 2013, according to the statement. Secret information about CIA activities, assets, true names of assets, operational meeting locations and phone numbers, and information about covert facilities was among the intelligence provided to China.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [Reuters](#)

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(U) Massachusetts – Criminal Ring Hacking Retirement Accounts

(U) Danvers – A woman's retirement account, worth nearly \$200,000, was completely drained of funds by what prosecutors believe is a criminal ring with ties to Maryland and Nigeria. One member of the ring, Kayode Adams, 35, was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Washington Dulles International Airport upon his return from Nigeria. The victim discovered in October 2018 that someone had called her 401(k) management firm and requested her funds be transferred out of the retirement account. Adams obtained access to the woman's email account to confirm the "verification code" that was sent to her email to complete the transfer.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [Gloucester Daily Times](#)

(U) North Carolina – Accused ISIS Sympathizer Arrested at Charlotte Airport

(U) Charlotte – Waqar Ul-Hassan was arrested at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport on Tuesday en route to the United States from Pakistan. Ul-Hassan was charged with two counts of making a false statement involving terrorism stemming from two interviews with FBI agents in May and October 2015. According to an affidavit, Hassan has ties to and provided or attempted to provide financial support to both the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and Jaish-e-Mohammed, a Pakistani terrorist group. Hassan left the United States for Pakistan in March 2016 and had not returned to the United States until his arrest in Charlotte.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [WBTV](#)

(U) North Carolina – Study Found Terror Groups May Be Recruiting More Women to Wage Jihad

(U) Raleigh – Data from the first large-scale research project evaluating the characteristics of women involved in jihadist-inspired terrorism has found terror groups are increasingly recruiting women. Published by North Carolina State University, the study conducted comparative analyses of 272 women and 266 men and found there were significant differences in background, age, employment, and roles in terrorist groups for men and women.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [Economic Times](#)

(U) Oklahoma – Severe Storms in Central US Kills Two and Injures 22

(U) Oklahoma City – Six tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma and Texas on Wednesday, with 61 damage reports from Texas to Indiana. The slow-moving complex of storms continue to produce tornadoes, damaging winds, hail and flooding. Heavy rain was also reported, with the highest totals in central and western Illinois near St. Louis, where some areas got up to 8 inches of rain. On Wednesday, two people were killed and at least 22 others injured by storms in Oklahoma. The two fatalities in Oklahoma were reported in Tulsa and Bokchito.

SOURCE: 2 May 2019, [ABC7](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Australia – Man Guilty of Terror Plot on Etihad Flight**

(U) Melbourne – An Australian court found Khaled Khayat guilty of plotting to blow up an Etihad Airways flight out of Sydney on behalf of ISIS, by hiding a bomb in the luggage of his brother. Authorities accused the man and another brother, Mahmoud Khayat, of planning two terrorist attacks that also included a chemical gas attack on the flight to Abu Dhabi in July 2017. The third brother was unaware that he was carrying a bomb, disguised as a meat mincer in his luggage, as he tried to check in at the airport, police said. However, the plan was disrupted when the device was taken out of his luggage because it was deemed too heavy and the bomb never made it past airport security.

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Iraq – Two Suspected Suicide Bombers Killed in Ambush**

(U) Baghdad – Iraqi forces killed two would-be suicide bombers affiliated with ISIS in an ambush in the northern province of Nineveh on Wednesday. Based on intelligence reporting, a joint force from the provincial police and the paramilitary Hashd Shaabi force destroyed an ISIS vehicle carrying two suspected suicide bombers near the village of Safawi. According to authorities, one of the two suspected suicide bombers was a local leader of the extremist group.

SOURCE: 1 May 2019, [Xinhua](#)

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